

**PUBLIC EVENT:**  
**Sex Trade Survivor  
Pushes for Rethink on  
Prostitution Laws**

by **Simone Watson**

Simone questions why sex trade survivor's voices are being excluded from the debate about violence against women.

What are the factors that force and coerce marginalised people into the sex trade? What are the negative social determinants for people who are involved in the sex trade and why are these systemic barriers not being considered as contributing factors in the broader debate about the root causes of violence against women?

**Amnesty International's  
Sex Trade Policy  
– Rights for Whom?**

by **Isla MacGregor**

Isla questions how could Amnesty International develop a policy that is incompatible with the 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights, the 1949 United Nations Convention on the Suppression of the Trafficking in Persons and on the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, and the 1979 UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)?

**WHEN:**

**FROM 10AM TO 12PM**

**FRIDAY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF APRIL 2016**

**WHERE:**

**PARLIAMENT HOUSE,  
RECEPTION ROOM,  
SALAMANCA PLACE, HOBART**

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**SIMONE WATSON**

Simone is the Director of NorMAC, a secular organisation directed by and for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation in Australia.

As a survivor of prostitution, Simone has a keen interest in sharing her understandings of the issues around commercial sexual exploitation and the alternative legislative approaches and solutions to these issues.

Simone's intimate knowledge of the sex industry coupled with a passion to support women in the sex trade led to Simone taking on the role of Director of the Nordic Model Australia Coalition 'NorMAC'.



**ISLA MacGREGOR**

Isla is a former member of Amnesty International Australia and Spokesperson for Whistleblowers Tasmania since 1996.

Isla's research has included numerous social justice issues involving corruption, advocating for reform of the justice system, and effective whistleblower protection laws that will cover people in the private and public sectors.

Isla advocates for victims of sexual exploitation and worked with the Tasmanian Coalition for Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in 2003.